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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the establishment of emergency plans and
2 procedures for dialysis patients.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.17 DIALYSIS PATIENTS ==
1 2 EMERGENCY PLANS AND PROCEDURES.
1 3 1. A dialysis agency shall establish written plans and
1 4 procedures designed to protect the safety of its patients
1 5 undergoing dialysis treatment and faced with a fire, natural
1 6 disaster, or medical emergency requiring immediate action.
1 7 For purposes of this section, "dialysis agency" means an
1 8 individual or entity performing dialysis treatment in a home,
1 9 medical, or any other setting.
1 10 2. The plans and procedures established shall be
1 11 individualized for each dialysis patient, and shall include,
1 12 at a minimum, an evacuation plan from the dialysis agency's
1 13 building or patient's home, emergency contact information for
1 14 each patient, and the procedure for disconnecting each
1 15 patient's dialysis equipment in the event of an emergency. A
1 16 dialysis agency shall familiarize its employees and patients
1 17 with the individualized plans and procedures.
1 18 3. In the event of a medical emergency, a dialysis agency
1 19 shall contact the physician specified in a patient's
1 20 individualized plans and procedures, and follow the
1 21 physician's instructions. If the patient's physician is not
1 22 available and no other physician is available who has been
1 23 designated as a substitute contact, the dialysis agency shall
1 24 contact the nearest hospital emergency room or clinic and seek
1 25 instruction regarding the patient's care.
1 26 4. The department shall develop sample forms for
1 27 utilization by a dialysis agency in establishing the plans and
1 28 procedures, and shall formulate a plan for distributing
1 29 information regarding the requirements of this section.

EXPLANATION

1 30 This bill provides for the establishment of emergency plans
1 31 and procedures for dialysis patients.
1 32 The bill provides that a dialysis agency shall establish
1 33 written plans and procedures designed to protect the safety of
1 34 patients undergoing dialysis treatment and faced with a fire,
2 1 natural disaster, or medical emergency requiring immediate
2 2 action. The bill defines a dialysis agency to refer to an
2 3 individual or entity performing dialysis treatment in a home,
2 4 medical, or any other setting. The bill provides that the
2 5 plans and procedures established shall be individualized for
2 6 each dialysis patient, and shall include, at a minimum, an
2 7 evacuation plan, emergency contact information, and equipment
2 8 disconnection procedures.
2 9 The bill provides that in the event of a medical emergency,
2 10 a dialysis agency shall contact the physician specified in a
2 11 patient's individualized plans and procedures, an alternative
2 12 physician, or a nearby hospital emergency room or clinic for
2 13 instruction regarding the patient's care.
2 14 The bill provides that the department of public health
2 15 shall develop sample forms for utilization by a dialysis
2 16 agency in establishing the plans and procedures, and shall
2 17 formulate a plan for distributing information regarding these
2 18 requirements.
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